

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows.

Please replace the paragraph at Page 12, lines 5 – 19 with the following paragraph.

--Temperature probe 98 is disposed within the device housing and extends through opening 75 defined in the base plate to be removably inserted within the receptacle when the cassette is placed on the base plate. The distal end of the probe is disposed in contact with the receptacle closed end, while the probe may be secured within the receptacle via friction fit, a locking or securing mechanism or any other securing techniques. Cassette 50 is placed on the heater plate with projection 94 inserted within the base plate opening 75 to enable the probe to engage the receptacle. Sensor wiring (not shown) connects the probe to controller 62 (Fig. 2) to provide a fluid temperature for controlling system operation. The receptacle is typically sterile and permits re-use of temperature probe 98 with subsequent cassettes to maintain sterility. The temperature probe may be implemented by any conventional or other temperature sensor (e.g., RTD, IR, NTC, thermistor, thermocouple, etc.). The fitting may be substantially similar to the temperature sensing device disclosed in co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/XXX, ~~XXX~~ 09/973,988, entitled "Temperature Sensing Device for Selectively Measuring Temperature at Desired Locations Along an Intravenous Fluid Line " and filed on October 11, 2001, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.--